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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth, Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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## 74TH ANNUAL HOLY CONVOCATION TO CONVENE NOV. 3RD-13TH

by  
**Bishop G. R. Ross**

Holy greetings saints of God everywhere:

The year 1981, has offered many joys and occasions in our great church for which we give praise to God.

It is again my privilege as General Secretary of our great church to officially announce the 74th Annual Holy Convocation of The Church of God in Christ, November 3-13 at National Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee. This will be a glorious occasion and we look forward annually with high anticipation to the wonderful fellowship and holy festivities surrounding our great Holy Convocation. It is that season of the year when the saints around the world convene in this southern metropolis where headquarters is set to share the soul thrilling revival, healing service, spirit filled service and teaching ministries in these well planned training service and evangelistic services. The Presiding Bishop and General Board have expressed deep concern for the total spirit uplift of the saints of God and the projection of the pentecostal experience. Time has been allotted when doctrinal participation and messages will be brought by soul preachers of the doctrine.

The office of the General Secretary will be prepared to register all delegates: namely general delegates, persons

attending the General Session and worship service but have not been an elected delegate by their respective jurisdiction to the General Assembly; (and General Assembly delegates) persons elected by their jurisdictional assembly to deliberate and vote in the General Assembly.

Our computerized registration will assist us in several areas. To better serve the delegates of the church a photo-badge with certain information will be supplied to every delegate. A daily computerized print-out will furnish us with vital information on all delegates such as jurisdiction, position, name, address, hotel where they are staying in Memphis while attending the convocation. Also it will help us to determine the number of persons attending the convocation; thereby, reflecting numerical strength of our church. This is a continuation of the projection for a computerization of the office of The General Secretary. In order to assist in under-writing the cost of the specialized service, a nominal registration fee will be passed on to the delegates. The revenue from this operation has enabled the Office of The General Secretary to cover the cost from the funds generated and to make a substantial financial contribution to the National Church Budget as the record will reflect. The support of wonderful delegates has made this possible. We appreciate your response in the pass and request

that you support your church by registering early. It is requested all Bishops will urge their delegation to register for the convocation. We have a goal in mind and will certainly be grateful for your support in helping us to reach it.

The first three days of the convocation, Tuesday thru Thursday, will be given to fasting and prayer. On Thursday evening, November 5, at the conclusion of the Solemn Assembly there will be a special anointing service conducted by the Presiding Bishop and General Board; "come and claim your blessing." Sunday, November, 8, the High Day of our meeting Bishop Patterson will deliver the Official Message for this convocation, and the saints of God all over the world will fill that convention center to listen to God's servant as he brings to

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## PRESIDING BISHOP ADDRESSES METHODIST CONFERENCE

The 111th Annual Conference of the West Tennessee Conference of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (C.M.E. Church) recently held in Memphis, and presided by the right Reverend J. Madison Exum of Memphis was graced with the presence of the Most Reverend J. O. Patterson, Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ and the area Bishops of the church, along with superintendents and elders. Bishop J. O. Patterson was the principle preacher at the conference which was historical in that two major black denominations, both headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee came together in joint session at the C.M.E. headquarters in Memphis, in the 111th year history of the C.M.E. church and the 86 year history of the C.O.G.I.C.

Bishop Patterson met the press, along with Bishop Exum, in this first for the two churches and both agreed that this move

toward unity was long overdue. One of the Bishops in attendance said that "We Should Have Joined Hands, A Long Time Ago..."

Bishops Patterson and Exum announced that they would be meeting in concerted efforts in the immediate future for the good of the community and their respective churches and all Black churches in America.

Other prelates in attendance were Bishop W. L. Porter, National Superintendent of properties of The Church of God in Christ, newly appointed Bishop F. D. Macklin, prelate of Headquarters, Bishop D. L. Lindsey of Arkansas, Bishop L. T. Walker of Arkansas, Bishop E. W. Rodgers, Bishop A. E. Reed and Bishop Samuel Lowe of Memphis.

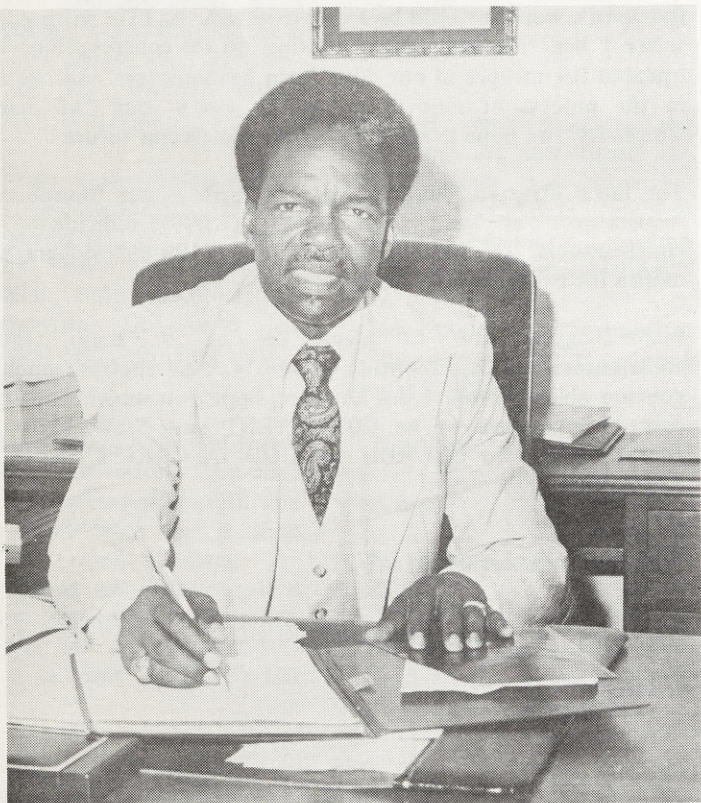
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## DETROIT'S PROMINENT FAMILY LOSES YOUNGEST MEMBER

The Andersons, one of Detroit's oldest COGIC families recently suffered the loss of Elder Harry James Anderson, Sr., the "baby of the family." Elder Anderson was stricken with sickness, went into a diabetic coma and died in the Edward Hines Veterans Administration Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. He had just completed a revival for Bishop Jonathan Greer, Sr.

Bishop C. L. Anderson, Sr., and Mrs. Ida Mae Anderson gave birth to Harry James on August 1, 1933. He was the youngest of six children. Upon completing his education in the Detroit Public School system, he attended Wayne State

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**BISHOP G. R. ROSS**  
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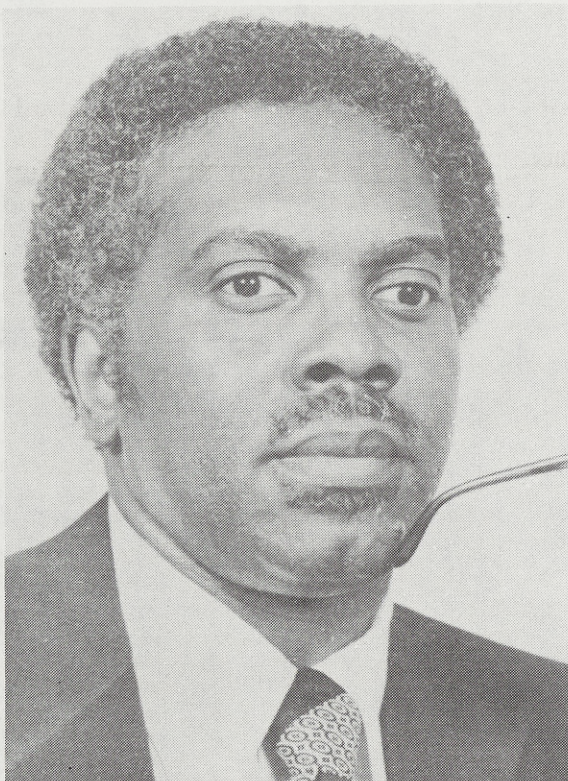
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## GUEST EDITORIALS

H U N G E R F O R  
R I G H T E O U S N E S S

by

Eld. Jerome C. Chambers



Rev. Jerome C. Chambers

Righteousness and mercy are two of the greatest words of the Christian faith. They are attributes of God, and they are true characteristics of His children. Jesus included both righteousness and mercy in the Beatitudes as parts of His portrait of Christian character.

Righteousness is a supreme value; therefore, righteousness should be a passion. Without food and water, a person soon dies. Hunger and thirst tell us what is an absolute necessity for existence. The desire for righteousness should be equally strong. Righteousness from God by faith means new life. Righteousness before God, in the sense of doing right, makes us well-pleasing in his sight. Such righteousness brings peace, joy, strength. Righteousness: is like treasure laid up in Heaven; is like health, it can never hurt; is like happiness which nothing can destroy. A good name, a clean life, a Christian-like character, a humble faith, all are worth infinitely more than the satisfactions of pleasure or indulgence or earthly fame.

Righteousness calls for right living. Righteousness shows itself

in the work-a-day world. Righteousness calls for doing right in business, in human relations, in social affairs, in politics, in church life, in public and in secret, everywhere and all the time. If righteousness fails to find expression in paying debt, in refusing beverage alcohol, in abstaining from profanity in speech, in being kind, and in helping in Christian work, it really isn't righteousness after all. To hunger and thirst after righteousness calls for daring determination on main street, in the factory, and at church.

Because we are forgiven, we ought to forgive. God's forgiveness was not grudgingly bestowed but offered freely, lavishly, for disobedience and transgression, for every shameful and rebellious deed and attitude. No injury to us can compare with our sinfulness against God. Since He forgives so much, we ought to forgive from the heart the wrongs we suffer from the hands of others.

Righteousness should be the lodestar of moral purpose and the goal of spiritual dedication. (See Matthew 5:6-7 13:44-46; 18:21-35)

help.

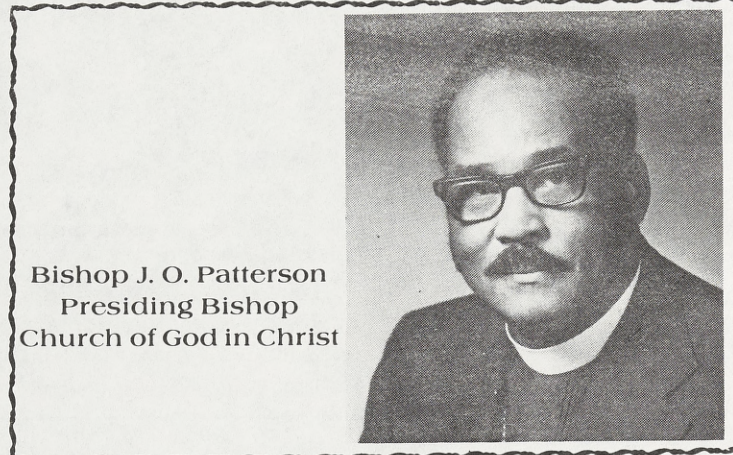
Afterwards, she told me to ask my pastor, Elder James Booker, Sr., to pray for her.

During testimony service, I stood and told of my aunt's condition. Elder Booker, prayed for a miracle; and today she is walking without help.

I thank and praise God for his wonderful miracle in healing her. My highest respect also goes to my pastor.

May the Lord bless you.

Pastor-Elder James Bookers, Sr.  
Reporter, Karen Booker



Bishop J. O. Patterson  
Presiding Bishop  
Church of God in Christ

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Office of the Presiding Bishop

Dear Co-laborer:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I have striven diligently to unselfishly lead our Church for the past twelve years. I have been honest in all of my dealings and I am not ashamed of my past performance because no man can truthfully say that I have been dishonest with the Church's funds nor have I, intentionally, ill-treated anyone. If I have made any mistakes, they have been honest ones and if I am made aware of them, I will humbly apologize and make restitution.

Every project I have undertaken has been in the interest of the General Church and not for personal aggrandizement. For the past several years I have been trying to get the members of the Church to cooperate with me in the God-given vision of Saints Center. We have, through the support of a few of us, been able to purchase about seventy (70%) percent of the land needed for this development. It is, however, very crucial that we purchase, immediately, the remaining needed properties, especially since developers are concentrating on purchasing the same property we need.

The thing, however, that makes it more crucial that we act at this time is some of the land we acquired was purchased from the Memphis Housing Authority with the understanding that we would make use of the land as we proposed within a certain time limit. That time limit has been revised several times and has presently expired. Therefore, we will either have to make use of the land now, or return it to the Memphis Housing Authority.

I cannot build and develop Saints Center alone, neither can you. However, if each of us would do all we can for the expansion of the Lord's work it would be a very easy task. As I am writing this letter I hear the air-hammers cutting out the concrete floor for updated fire escapes in our downtown headquarters, that we are in the process of renovating for the use of our "All Saints University" we hope to open in the not too distant future.

The latest effort for fund raising put forth in our Church is a request for at least five-thousand (5,000) individuals or congregations, to donate one-hundred (\$100.00) dollars per month for twelve (12) months.

I am begging you to please be one of these regular contributors, whether monthly or weekly, with whatever amount you are able to send. I do, however, hope you understand that contributions have to be CONSISTENT and NOW. Make all checks payable to CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - SAINTS CENTER.

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Thanks for your immediate response !!!!!!!

Gratefully yours,

J. O. Patterson  
Presiding Bishop  
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Zig Ziglar bounds to the front of First Baptist Church, Dallas, where he serves as a deacon. Pastor W. A. Criswell, host of this gathering of 300 ministers has just concluded with an exhortation to lead the "crucified life, dead to the blandishments and emoluments of the world."

Zig, who used to sell cookware quite lucratively, now makes a silk-lined living telling the upward-seeking that the here-and-now inheritance of God's promises assures great material blessings. Anyone who thinks otherwise is guilty of "stinkin' thinkin'." Equipped with warm, homespun humor and a Southern drawl he crouches and lowers his voice to tell these pastors, "Every once in awhile some of my Christian brothers will come up to me, do a fast halo adjustment, and say, 'How do you reconcile all that talk about money with Christianity?' And I'll say, 'It's easy. I believe God made the diamonds for his crowd, not for Satan's bunch.'"

Zig is one of many accomplished success gospelers who makes a living telling others that the fine, ripe fruit of prosperity is for them too. This enthusiasm for the good life frustrates more than a few Christians, including

## THE GOSPEL OF THE GOOD LIFE

by  
Cynthia R. Schaible  
Part I

Charles Colson, Prison Fellowship founder, who criticizes the "creeping greediness" of the success gospel. He goes so far as to declare the message "heresy." But is it?

The gospel of success, under our American free enterprise, has a following that solidifies nonbeliever and believer. The mix of "In God we trust" and "I can do anything" is seen at such motivational seminars as the Success Unlimited Rallies, which alone have attracted 150,000. Here, favorite speaker Ziglar doesn't mind flashing his sparkling cufflinks among these greater masses.

Success Unlimited Magazine, which sponsors the rallies, was cofounded by W. Clement Stone, an elderly, self made insurance entrepreneur who strongly believes in "action," the self-coined phrase "Positive Mental Attitude" (PMA,) and "Whatever the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve."

Stone, who quietly has given away thousands of dollars to various Christian ministers, tells audiences they can accomplish the impossible by following the basic principles--assuming they will not violate "the laws of God or the rights of fellowmen." It is asserted that everybody understands and agrees on these game rules.

The basic principles reflect vague jargon: 1. "Recognize, relate, assimilate, and apply principles, systems, techniques, and methods from what you see, hear, read, and experience that can help you toward achieving your desires or goals; 2. Motivate yourself at will and motivate others to motivate themselves to desirable thoughts and actions by applying proven principles, systems,..." etc.

But audiences don't have to worry about immediately unlocking these concepts or practically applying the rags-to-riches talks (which resemble joyous Christian testimonials.) During the eight-hour session, they can shop at tables bearing the secrets of success in \$50 to \$100 cassette-tape packets and such "how to" books as Ziglar's See You at the Top, which has already netted 300,000 buyers.

Another frequent speaker on these circuits is Robert Schuller, pastor of the Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove, California, and creator of "possibility thinking."

Although Schuller communicates a fuller Christian message to those who attend his Orange County church, what he proclaims at a Success Unlimited Rally is that one must simply "believe" to "turn scars into stars." This translates that faith in self has the ultimate power to mold one's destiny.

Curiously, many who come to these rallies are in such direct

sales businesses as Amways, Home Interior and Gifts, Shaklee vitamins, and Mary Kay Cosmetics-many of which were the creations of enterprising Christians. Many Christians participate in these businesses-usually part-time. Perhaps this is because direct selling offers income to Christian mothers who opt for working from the home, or because the church community is a natural marker for selling, or simply because, as a group, evangelicals still believe in the work ethic.

Ziglar, Stone, and Schuller are the biggest Christian fish in the motivational pond, but many others echo a similar message.

I recently received six pieces of promotional material for success-oriented books. They included California business consultant Michael J. Jaress. Congratulations, You Made It Again ("It is a complete study of the deciding factors governing success...happiness...prosperity,") George Shinn's The Miracle Motivation (Tyndale-"Discover

what you want out of life-and go for it!"-Shinn should know; his main credential is ownership of some thirty cooperations,) and editor Dottie Walters' The Pearl of Potentiality (true stories from twenty-four women who caught that pearl and from whom "you will learn how to overcome every obstacle...")

What rings flattest in Christian motivators who market self-improvement to the public, is that they capitalize on one facet of the gospel-the self-image of each person-apart from the other facet-that we are worth very little in God's eyes apart from the Lord Jesus. This inflating of one's belief in "self" could hamper the later goal of a contrite heart.

Another problem is that there just isn't enough room at the top of the prosperity peak for everyone. And although "I-can-swim" motivation will keep a few drowning people afloat, most who trust their PMA need a better lifeline. Stewart J. Stambaugh, Mid-Atlantic president of health-care services for Service Master Industries, observes, "It seems to me the success message is the old behavioral modification idea, but it's not

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## THE ROMANCE OF SOUL WINNING

by  
Robert E. Owens

### COMMISSION

The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language define commission as the act of giving authority to carry out a particular task or duty. Or granting certain powers.

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:18-20.)

"But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come unto you: and you shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

"O son of man, I have set thee a watchman...therefore thou shall hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me...if thou does not speak to warn the wicked man from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at your hand" (Ezekiel 33:7-8.)

"Ye are the salt of the earth...Ye are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father

which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:13-16)

The above commandments are a few that serves as the badge of authority for every personal worker. The better home, the better community, the better city, the better world will not evolve through political and social efforts alone. There must be a spiritual thrust, on the part of all Christians. When the individuals become committed

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## MINISTERING TO THE BEREAVED

by  
Bishop P. A. Brooks



We turn our attention to the matter of grief. Jay Adams, in his writings on GRIEF AS A COUNSELING OPPORTUNITY said that a pastor does no counseling that is considered more exclusively his own than the counseling of people in grief (although recently, physicians and psychiatrists have been usurping his right by moving into this area.)

If grief still is peculiarly within the minister's province, we must be deeply interested in the nature of grief and what God wants us to do to help grief sufferers. Nothing less than a word from God himself can adequately meet the needs of a grief-stricken man or woman. No other profession impacts the family quite like that of the pastor.

### WHAT GRIEF INVOLVES

Grief may be called a life shaking sorrow over loss. Grief tears life to shreds; it shakes one from top to bottom; it pulls him loose; he comes apart at the seams. Grief is truly nothing less than a life shattering loss, for in tracing the English word bereaved, the meaning is to be be-reaved, literally or borken up. Grief is a life shaking sorrow, but usually grief is not simple sorrow. Plugged into the sorrow are other emotions. During grief, emotions of anger, guilt and fear often are involved.

### GRIEF, NOT DESPAIR

There is a Biblical distinction  
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## OUR TIMES—WHATS HAPPENING

by  
James E. Slappy, Jr.

Are you alarmed as to the happenings of our times? Be honest! Have you thought: "maybe I should have been born in another generation," or have you pondered these questions?:

\* Can I cope with the pressure of this age to conform without folding or giving in?

\* What will I do about my present situation? (you know what it is)

\* Will I overcome or will I live in fear?

\* Will my deliverance come now or must I wait on the promises God has made to his people?

Certainly, this is a time of establishing a foundation for living by faith and a "Value System" that will not keep changing with the "World

System." The Word of God (Bible) gives us that "Value System" for the ages. Notice how the validity of the Bible is still being questioned and fought against. Recently, the spokesperson for the athiest cult world blasted the Christian Church and the Word of God on a widely listened talk show. She used authority in trying to destroy truth. People went joining in with her on the "Hypocritical State" of Christians in general and why so many things are out of hand.

As believers, we have a job to give witness of the mighty power of God, the personal life changing salvation experience, and the effective witness of this life on a job, at school, and our community. We must change the growing feeling of disappointment and uncertainty among people. What can we

grasp in these dark hours (as far as the scene around us is concerned?) Is there anything we can do? Will our problems be solved overnight? The answer is in building a foundation upon the Word of God by example.

\* Receiving Jesus as Lord of our LIFE (Rom. 10:9, 10.)

\* Ask for wisdom (Jas. 1:5) of how to live for God in a practical way (our walk.)

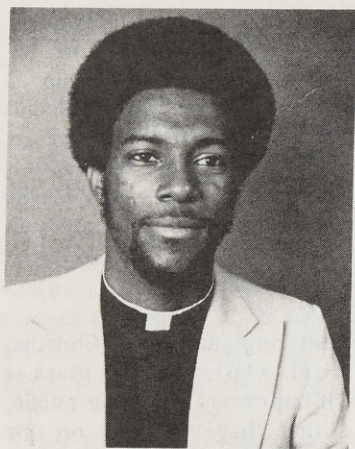
\* Receive the Baptism of Power (Acts chapter 2.)

The Bible makes plain the believer's witness:

\* "For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men" (I Pet. 2:15.)

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Elder Charles Hawthorne

Teenage pregnancy! Venereal Disease! Juvenile Delinquency! Runaways! Drugs! Alcoholism! Rebellion! Suicide! These are just some of the problems experienced by contemporary American teens.

These problems have been studied by sociologists, psychologists, social workers, mental health counselors, psychiatrists, criminologists, etc. Their research has yielded startling statistics. Many of their treatment programs have done very little to actually resolve these problems.

Some have just given up. The parents included. For they have failed to come up with adequate ways of dealing with troubled

teens in the home. What's a saved mother and father to do?

The answer to this question may be found in the Bible. One must recognize that the problems that teenagers are facing today are, in many cases only the outcome of a deeper problem. What causes teenagers to rebel against authority, to engage in illicit sex and other forms of what sociologists call "delinquent behavior?" The answer to this question will lead one to the root of teenage problems.

Social psychologists and others derive at explanations that are marginal at best. They tend to say that the cause of people's problems is biological (hereditary,) psychological (mental,) sociological (i.e. family disorganization) or economical (poor neighborhood, school, etc.) These are all factors to be

## YOUTH NEWS AND VIEWS

### THE ROOT OF TEENAGE PROBLEMS

(Part One in a Series)

by

Elder Charles Hawthorne

considered, but they fail-in directly striking at the root of teenage problems.

The Bible lets us know that the primary root of men's problems, teenagers included, is sin. Sin, of course, is satanic. A sinner is one who has the nature of the devil. He or she is influenced by evil, destructive forces. These forces are spiritual in nature.

Tackling teenage problems, herefore, requires engaging in spiritual warfare. Ephesians 6:12 puts it this way: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." You must know what you're up against. It's not a stubborn teenager. But, a spirit of stubbornness. It's not some rebellious kid. But, a spirit of rebellion.

When you know what you're up against, you can deal with it. Spiritual problems require a spiritual remedy. You must fight fire with fire. In other words, spiritual tactics must be used to uproot these problems.

Natural methods are not effective against evil spirits. You cannot whip a spirit. You cannot put a spirit on punishment. Nor can you lock a spirit up. You can do these things to a person. But, if you have not dealt with the evil, spiritual influence behind the person's behavior, they will continue in their evil doings.

Saved parents who are having problems with their teenage children, need to recognize this important truth. Use the spiritual weapons that God has

roaming tired and foot sore, greyhound and train stations. Empty, lonely, no peace anywhere, hurting, always hungry.

Fighting the bitter, biting cold of the hawk in Chicago's frigid winters with no clothes, God spared me. Praise His name! Someone was praying. In 1976, the dope demon took my mind and I became a crazed animal. In my condition I tried to commit suicide by cutting my throat with a spoon, tried to kill myself by hanging myself from bars, even tried to flush my head down the toilet stool in my jail cell.

God heard the prayers of his people and stayed the hand of death and restored my mind. Yet when this was over I went back to drugs, T's and blues, and whatever else I could get, worse than I had been before.

I wanted to die, but was afraid because I knew there was a hell,

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you don't know what to pray or how to pray. He is there to help you intercede for that person.

Sometimes the intercession will be with groanings or words that cannot be uttered in articulate speech. You may begin to pray in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. Such prayer is sure to bind the power of Satan and loose that precious teenager in Jesus' name.

So pray. Pray in English until the Spirit gives you that supernatural language to pray in. Pray day and night. Pray week after week. Pray month after month. Pray year after year. Pray until there's a release in your spirit and joy in your soul. Pray until that teenager has no other choice but to open their eyes, turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among them which are sanctified (Acts 26:18.)

There's something about prayer. The Bible says, "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas. 5:16.) Sometimes this doesn't seem to be the case. When you start praying for someone, they may get worse. But, don't worry. That's just the devil about to make his exit.

It may look like that teenager isn't getting better. But, don't go by looks. Walk by faith and not by sight (II Cor. 5:7.) Faith looks not at the things that are seen (II Cor. 4:18.) For the things that are seen are temporal or temporary. Temporary things are subject to change. And that's what prayer does. Prayer changes things!

## WHERE YOU GOING TO RUN TO?

(The Testimony of Bro. Lloyd Parker)

ELDER C. E. HAWTHORNE

This is one of the many things that can happen to one when you walk away from "God." I sat in church, Sunday school just like many of you. I played church cause it was expected of me coming from a church home. I chased the musicals, the shouting and dancing, the sisters. I heard the word but I failed to hide it in my heart.

I backslid from the church, walked out on God, from 1953 to 1979. I plunged deeper and deeper into sin and misery.

I quit school in my senior year. Satan afflicted me with the rebellious spirit at the same time I left home. No one could tell me anything, I had ants in my pants. I was just going to see the world. I knew the way back to the church.

Satan didn't tell me, and little did I know, it would be many years of misery and pain. And only the Grace of God, along with the fervent prayers of the saints, stayed the hand of the death angel. All this time, 26 years, the people of God and my family kept me before the Lord. My mother anointed my shoes and asked God to give me no peace until I come home. God heard my mother's prayer. I ran from Chicago to Seattle, Washington and never had a peaceful night sleep until I came back to the Lord.

Satan hit me with one of his mightiest demons, the dope

demon. This took control of my spirit, soul, and body. I joined the Air Force, began smoking weed and dropping pills, trying to hang out. I got kicked out with a bad discharge and six months at hard labor. Returned home, got deeper into drugs, still running. Got arrested and sent to prison. I got my body clean, but the dope demon had my mind. I had begun shooting drugs. "Heroin!" While confined, I tried chanting Muslim prayers and reading books on positive mental attitudes. I tried everything but "God."

I left prison in Jackson, Michigan and fled to Chicago. God's hand was still on my life. I prowled the woodlawn area with the Black Stone Ranger Gang, smoking weed, drinking cough syrup, dropping pills, beating everybody, never being able to stay in one place.

The gang didn't allow the use of Heroin. I quit the gang and started back shooting heroin. Sent to prison Stateville. I came out of prison, running. Back on drugs again after a few weeks. Running past churches, too stubborn and proud to bend my knees.

Having death come for me when I overdosed three times but the power of prayer stayed his hand through prisons, one night missions, empty abandoned cars, burnt out condemned buildings, greasy kitchenette apartments, sleeping on 24 hour subways,

provided to resolve these difficulties. II Corinthians 10:4 says that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."

What are the weapons of our warfare? One of them is prayer. When Paul talks about putting on the whole armour of God, he also mentions "praying with all prayer and supplication in the spirit..." (Eph. 6:18.) So prayer is a spiritual weapon that can be used to combat teenage problems.

But notice how prayer is to be offered: In the Spirit. What other way are you going to deal with the evil spirits that influence teenagers? It is through praying in the Spirit that such influence is broken.

Romans 8:26 says, "Likewise the spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the spirit itself maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." The word "infirmities" means weaknesses. When you get weak from wrestling with the problems teenagers pose, the Holy Spirit is there to strengthen you in your inner man. He is there to help you pray, when

## KING HEROIN IS MY SHEPHERD

King Heroin is my shepherd, I shall always want.

He maketh me to lie down in the gutters.

He leadeth me beside the troubled waters.

He destroyeth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of wickedness.

Yea, I shall walk through the valley of poverty and will fear no evil, for thou, Heroin, are with me.

Thy needle and Capsule comfort me. Thou strippest the table of groceries in the presence of my family.

Thou robbest my head of reason.

My cup of sorrow runneth over. Surely heroin addiction shall stalk me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the House of the Damned Forever.

--The 23rd Psalm of a 23 year old junkie

The young woman who wrote these words is now deceased. She committed suicide by inhaling carbon monoxide from the exhaust system of a closed car. Although help was sought, it was not found.

Little did she realize that the help she needed was not in jail cells or hospital rooms. The help she so desperately needed can only be found in the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

Jesus Christ is a Good Shepherd.

He won't lead you wrong. He'll lead you right. Just trust Him. If you're hooked, he'll get you unhooked. He's a habit breaker. Dope is Devilish. It's the work of the Devil. But Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil. Let Him destroy those works in you, before the works end up destroying you.

Heroin comes to steal, kill and destroy; but Jesus came that you might have life. You don't have to die. Jesus already did that for you. He died, but conquered death so that you might live. Why don't you accept that life? It is eternal life, everlasting life, abundant life.

Because Jesus lives, you can live. Life can really be worth living. But you must experience that for yourself by accepting Jesus Christ as Lord of your life. The Bible says, "he that has the Son has life, but he that has not the Son of God, has not life."

Choose life today. Choose Christ. Why choose King Heroin, when you can have King Jesus?

(Those reading this article who are not heroin addicts, but know someone who is, let them read it. It could change their entire life.)

--Youth Editor



To the new Saint--If you wish to keep your new-found joy, even amid trials--and have a continuous close walk with the Master, you can. To maintain and improve your status in Him, a special time alone with God is imperative.

About twelve years ago I was employed at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. I was also taking a Fine Arts course. To finish this course was my definite goal. To accomplish this, I arose at five o'clock each morning. After a quick conscience quieting prayer, I dove fervently into my studies until seven o'clock, then hastily prepared for work. I completed the course successfully.

"If I did this to attain a natural goal," I asked myself, "why not for a spiritual goal?" The goal, a closer walk with the Lord, and an abiding joy in my soul. Yes, I was saved, faithful and active in my church with no desire to do wrong, but something was definitely missing. I was reading my Bible in a haphazard manner--as time allotted, for I was so busy. There was spurts of joy as I praised the Lord in service, but on the whole I had grown lukewarm. Material possessions and prestige had become increasingly important to me. My spiritual goal became to find my way back to the love and joyful zeal I once had.

The seed was sown, resulting in one of the greatest blessings of my life. I call it my quiet time with the Lord.

I set the alarm for five, but sleep seemed sweeter than ever. "Why did I hop joyfully out of bed to paint and now I can't keep my eyes open?" Sleepily I crawled out of my cozy bed. I tried to

pray; I fell asleep on my knees. I tried to read; I found myself nodding.

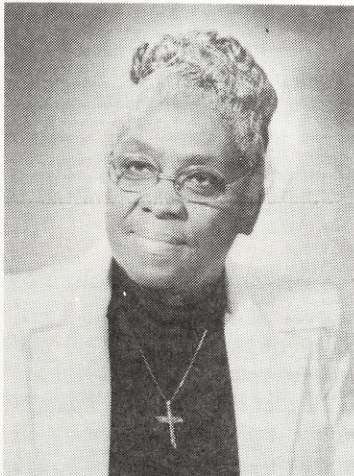
I was determined, and as mornings passed, it became easier. I confessed "Lord, I don't love you as much as I once did. It is my will and desire to love you fervently, please help me."

Soon the Lord began to meet me. He saw I meant business. I was so hungry for the more of Him. His presence became so real; the wonder of it brought joyous tears to my eyes. At times I would read and meditate on one of the old hymns such as "I am Thine, O Lord" or "Have Thine own way, Lord" and weep as the words spoke the sentiments of my longing heart.

Often He turned His spiritual mirror so I could see myself as He saw me. It wasn't a very pretty picture. I could see how all the pettiness and having my own way hindered His using me for greater service. (He has a standard which never changes for anyone, great or small.) These I confessed, and asked His help and guidance in overcoming them. I could begin to feel growth.

The more quiet times, the more I began to truly understand His personality, His likes and dislikes in my life. Sometimes there were chastenings, oft-times, a bountiful outpouring of His Spirit. Oh, I wouldn't change it for the world; it is so precious.

## READER'S WRITE THE QUIET TIME by Missy. Mary Lou Parker



The love of communing with Him grew. He revealed precious truths from the Scriptures. As I prepared for bed one night, I whispered, "Lord, I don't want to sleep, I just want to commune with you." He honored my request. Oh the joy of that fellowship! I heard the clock chime one o'clock, then two. Finally I said, "Lord, I must go to sleep, I've got to get up in the morning." Overjoyed and spiritually exhausted, I fell into a sweet, peaceful sleep.

There have been times in our fellowship, when I have pleased Him by faithfully performing some duty He has assigned me, that in that drowsy state preceding sleep I have felt His gentle touch. Just as a loving mother kisses the cheeks of her precious sleeping baby, I have felt a tender quickening prevailing my body. At various

stages of the night I have felt it again, not enough to fully awaken me, but enough to let me know He is pleased and loves me.

In the quiet time He begins to direct all areas of my life. He prunes relentlessly! Then when I am basking in His loving favor and feeling my growth, POW! He allows or sends circumstances that invades an area of my life that needs strengthening.

It may seem awkward at first, but if you mean business, God will reward your persistence. Your heart must be filled with a desire for a closer walk with Him, and a willingness to obey. Sometimes we lose Him in our business and church work. Make it a directive to meet Him.

This is not a time for studying Sunday School lessons or listening to records or tapes or studying a particular lesson of your own; it is a time for the soul to come naked before God. A time of soul searching and communion with Him. A time for Him to teach you from His word.

With the exception of travelling or an extremely late hour in service or other unexpected necessities, I still honor the five o'clock hour. The hour is not the important issue. Five o'clock is best for me. I love the still quietness before the noises of the day begins. It is still dark and there is a magnificent aloneness with the Master. Some

other hour of the day or night may be best for you, but have a specific time set aside for the Lord. Start with a half-hour, forty-five minutes, whatever is best for you. But START!

I reached my designated goal, the joy and communion with my Lord. As one goal is reached, another looms upon my spiritual horizon. It is then I must set my face as a flint to reach another joyous spiritual goal, for it is the will of the Father that we grow into the likelihood of His precious Son, Jesus.

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 3:13, 14)

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COGIC everywhere. God is yet on the throne and there is nothing too hard for him to do. He is coming back again soon, not for those that are getting ready, but for those that are ready.

Elder Claude Ratliff, Pastor

### INDIANA

The Pastor, Elder Clarence Harris, is a 1967, graduate of Pasadena University, in Pasadena, California. He has been a minister in the Church of God in Christ for 20 years. He began his ministry at the age of twelve.

In the year of 1979, under the leading of the Lord, Elder Harris became founder and Pastor of the Love Feast Church, located at 235 W. 40th Ave., Gary, Indiana. The first service was held April 8, 1979. Bishop William O. Blakely dedicated the church.

Elder Harris and his wife are the parents of four boys and a daughter. He works in the Criminal Court Building in Crown Point, Indiana. Elder Harris is a criminal probation officer.

We believe in Romans 9:10-13, water baptism Matthew 28:19-20, and the Holy Ghost, Acts 2:4.

## DEATH NOTICES AND MEMORIALS



### "HOME GOING"

Sis. Celestine D. Faust, the beloved wife of Supt. W. F. Faust, of Jacksonville, Florida; passed away in Memphis, Tenn. on April 11, 1981, the funeral was held Saturday, April 11, 1981, at Faust Temple, pastored by Eld. W. F. Faust, hundreds of relatives and friends were in attendance to share the sorrow. The homegoing services was indeed a tribute to this lovely

lady. Who worked and stood by her husband in his ministry.

Sis. Faust was a member of choir no. 1 and for years she played the piano for choir no. 1, as well as many more well done jobs; until her untimely death. Sis. Faust served with choir no. 1; Bro. Walter Ponder, director. Those that participated in the services included Bishop C. D. Kinsey, of Central Florida, who gave a stirring message, Eld. W. F. Faust is the first assistant to Bishop C. D. Kinsey. Bro. Walter Ponder nationally known gospel singer. Eld. A. Hines, Eld. E. Robinson, choir no. 1, Faust Temple and many more saints.

Sis. Faust was the wonderful wife of Supt. W. F. Faust and mother of five children named; Freddie, Doris Christopher, Caron Moody, Willie Paul, David Faust.

The family, members and friends of Faust Temple Church of God in Christ in Jacksonville, Florida, mourns the homegoing of her name.

Reporter, Sis. Nettie Durham

### ST. MARK CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

St. Mark Church of God in Christ, located at 4108 State Street, in East St. Louis, Illinois, under the leadership of Elder Claude Ratliff, Jr., has been in revival for the past 21 weeks and the revival is still in progress. The Lord had led the pastor in this revival which began November 8, 1980. This revival has continued from that time until this present time which constitutes 21 weeks. The Lord had given the pastor how to conduct this revival. Since that time, the Lord has saved over 80 souls. Many people are being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and the Lord is adding to the church from all walks of life.

The Lord has saved alcoholics, whoremongers, drug addicts and others. One young lady, who is 23 years of age, the Lord saved from a \$300.00 a day drug habit. She had started on drugs at the age of 18. The Lord saved and healed this sister immediately, without any side effects or drug withdrawals. She is really an inspiration, and the Lord is yet blessing her. During this revival, we have had two baptismal services. On Sunday night, January 4, 1981, the Lord blessed that we had baptismal service where 34 Holy Ghost filled were baptized. Another baptismal service was held on March 29, 1981, where another 38 souls were baptized. We would just like to share this with all the God-fearing people of

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## ONE OF DETROIT'S PROMINENT FAMILIES LOSES YOUNGEST MEMBER

University, and then served in the United States Navy during the Korean conflict.

On May 16, 1956, Elder Anderson was married to Sister Lela Johnson. Their marriage produced two children; Jeannie Samantha, who is now 20 and Harry James, Jr., who is 18.

Harry James Anderson, Sr., was saved under the leadership of his father, the late Bishop C. L. Anderson, Sr. He and his family where members of Anderson Memorial COGIC, pastored by his brother, Bishop C. L. Anderson, Jr., while there, he was called into the ministry and ordained as an elder in 1960.

In 1960, Elder Anderson was assigned to a church in Olean, New York by the late Bishop Shipman. He served there for seven years and then returned to Michigan, where he pastored the Rose of Sharon COGIC in Lansing. He also served as the expeditor of the Great Lakes Jurisdiction.

Much of his ministry, however, was spent on the evangelistic field. He traveled all over the country and had just finished running a revival for his best friend's, Elder Jonathan Greer, Jr., father's church; when diabetes and pneumonia sent him to the hospital. On Wednesday, August 5, 1981, Elder Anderson went home to the Lord.

The news of his death affected the family "very gravely." They loved him dearly. But a host of others loved him, too. This was quite apparent at the funeral. Over a thousand people were in attendance.

Among them were Bishops P. A. Brooks, H. J. Williams, J. S. Bailey, G. D. Moore, C. H. Brewer, C. D. Owens. Michigan Jurisdictional Supervisors also attended: Mothers Mary L. Belvin, Hattie E. Hunt, Mary L. Hopkins, and Lena Lucas. Among Harry's closest friends were Elders G. E. Patterson, Nathaniel Wells, Leslie Chapman, and Jonathan Greer.

Some of those who took part in the homegoing service were Elders Robert R. Carr, Ernest Williams, Robert Taylor and Marvin Williams. The eulogy was delivered by Bishop William Rimson, Chairman of the General Assembly.

In an interview with Bishop C. L. Anderson, the sentiments of the family were expressed. Bishop Anderson said that his younger brother's "memory will linger in our hearts. His contributions to the church was magnanimous. He will be greatly missed."

Those who will miss him most include: two children; one grandson, Julian Anderson; his mother Ida Mae Anderson; two brothers, C. L. Anderson, Jr., and John E. Anderson, Sr., three sisters: Irene Terrell, Mary E. Anderson and Virginia L. Dezon; two aunts, one uncle, several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

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## BISHOP PATTERSON ADDRESSES 111th METHODIST CONFERENCE

This historical event was concluded with a beautiful reception in the fellowship hall of the C.M.E. Headquarters with Bishop Exum serving as Chief Host, along with General Officers E. Lynn Brown and N. Charles Thomas and R. C. George, Jr., of the C.M.E. Church, assisting.

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## 74th ANNUAL HOLY CONVOCATION TO CONVENE NOVEMBER 3rd - 13th

us "the word from the Lord." The last two days, Wednesday and Thursday, November 11, 12, will be General Assembly days and the delegates are asked to remain to attend the business at hand. All jurisdictions are required to elect delegates to the General Assembly from their jurisdictional assembly in accordance and with "PART II SECTION B, subsection 1 and

2," of the official manual of the Church of God in Christ.

Each jurisdiction is required to file the list of elected delegates with The Office of the General Secretary, which will subsequently certify them to the General Assembly.

In as much as the jurisdictional reports are made during April's meeting, the income runs extremely low during our National Convocation. Therefore, it is urgent that each of us as Bishops, Supervisors and leaders of our great church who are well aware of its financial needs will give our best support by bringing the balance of our report both for the credential holder and the membership report from the churches in our jurisdiction in order to make a full report in our meeting.

We love and respect our Presiding Bishop Patterson, who has successfully led us to new horizons during his administration and the General Officers of the church. We have many wonderful Bishops, supervisors, pastors and even lay members who have stood strong in supporting the financial program of the church for many years and there is no doubt that the same dedication will be forthcoming during this time of need.

As we look forward let us come praying that God will give us the greatest outpouring of all time.

That the sick will be healed, that souls will be blessed, backsliders reclaimed and the pentecostal experience will be perpetuated. May God's riches benedictions and blessings rest upon all of us until we are in the great holy fellowship November 3-13, 1981 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Bishop G. R. Ross, General Secretary  
(Ready, Willing, Able)

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## WHEN PASTORS WONDER HOW

by  
Bishop P. A. Brooks

between grief and despair. Once again, quoting from Rev. Mr. Adams' pulpit speech-Nutley, 1971. Grief, on the one hand, is proper and good according to the scriptures; despair on the other hand is quite wrong. In I Thessalonians 4:13, the believer is given the basic information about death and the resurrection that they need, precisely in order to prevent sorrow from turning into despair. Here, Paul spoke of "grieving" but not as others who have no hope. The Greek word *lupeo* that is translated either "grief" or "sorrow" is simply the general word for "pain." Paul says that believers should experience pain over loss, yet not as others who have no hope.

He is interested in steering the true course between an unbiblical stoicism that stifles emotion and the despair that comes from lack of hope. Christian grief lies in between. This grief is a painful sorrow that issues in an honest expression of one's feelings. Yet, even in the midst of these intense feelings, the believer may look with confidence beyond the tragedy to its solution in Christ. Faith, in the midst of grief, looks to the cross yet and says "I believe that it shall be." The believer, therefore, has anticipation in the midst of sorrow. It is just this element of hope or anticipation that is lacking in despair. Indeed, faith and hope may grow tall in the rich soil of grief.

To prevent grief from turning into despair, the pastor shares the Christian hope with the grief sufferer. He reminds the grief sufferer that the blessed hope is firm, for it rests upon the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He points them to that which is beyond death. He shows them again that there is more to life than physical life. He reminds them not only that there is life after death, but also that there will be new physical life, a resurrection.

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## THE GOSPEL OF THE GOOD LIFE

by  
Cynthia R. Schaible

going to change a life as Christ can change it; it's just going to change some behavior in that life,...and it will lack depth."

Phil Landrum, staff member of Christian Business Men's Committee, put it another way, "What we're finding basically is

that the Lord has given such good principles to live by that the world catches on and uses them."

For example, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland want you to know that Christ's death became our "deed" to all the elements of royalty-especially health and wealth. Copeland, on his television show, thanks God for his blessed Cadillac. Gloria, author of *God's Will Is Prosperity*, explains their stance:

"Isaiah 1:19 says, 'If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.' The word willing has become a passive word in our thinking. Actually, in this Scripture, it is an action word. It involves a decision. If I said, 'I am willing to live in divine health,' I wouldn't just mean, 'Well, if somebody slaps it on me, I'll live in it.' No. If I am willing, I have made up my mind to live that way. I have determined, 'I will live in divine health. I'm not willing to be sick.'"

"If you make up your mind - make a quality decision - that you are not willing to live in lack, but that you are willing to live in divine prosperity and abundance, Satan cannot stop the flow of God's financial blessing...Redemption from the curse of poverty is part of Jesus' substitutionary work at Calvary. He paid the price for my prosperity - a heavy price. I will not scorn any part of his work. I deeply appreciate every benefit that his sacrifice provided for me" (Italics added.)

In physical appearance Gloria isn't some weirdo on a street corner. The Apostle Paul would probably commend her for her zeal, but she and many Christian motivators falter in a false and irresponsible interpretation of Scripture which provides them with conscience-salve for big homes, cars, and swimming pools. They can take the flood of promises to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 28 and graft them as their blessings under a new covenant through Christ, yet forgetting the same chapter speaks of curses aplenty for the people who revel in their possessions and forget the Giver.

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## THE ROMANCE OF SOUL WINNING

by  
Elder Robert E. Owens

to the Lord Jesus Christ and to the ministry of Soul-Winning only then will the hedges and highways become evangelized and the house of God be filled. Souls will be delivered from the on slaughter of our arch enemy the devil.

The commission and commandment can not be carried out with fervor and enthusiasm until the Christian has become touched by Divine Love and genuine Compassion.

COMPASSION

Compassion is the deep feeling of sharing the suffering of others

in the inclination to give aid or support, or to show mercy.

Christ demonstrated compassion in the eight chapter of Mark at the second verse: "I have compassion on the multitude..." Jesus shared their suffering and His inclination to give aid or support resulted in the great miracle of loaves and fish.

The lack of compassion will lead many Christian Workers to leave their hot Holy Ghost charged ceremonies and go home speaking in tongues, forgetting the hedges and highways which are packed to capacity with suffering hell bound sinners.

There is no trouble too great, no humiliation too deep, no suffering too severe, no love too strong, no labor too hard, no expense too large, but it is worth it, if it is spent in the effort to win a soul. AN IMMORTAL SOUL IS BEYOND ALL PRICE. God loves the soul more than creation. He fashioned it after His image, and made it like unto Himself. Every soul has departed from God and gone astray, and God has bought every soul back again with a price. THAT PRICE WAS IN, THROUGH, AND BY CHRIST.

CONCERN

A real compassion for the lost and suffering, and those around us will generate the proper CONCERN that will compel the Christian Worker to become involved.

YOUR BROTHER'S KEEPER  
One of the first questions raised in recorded history was, "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9.) Do I have moral obligations toward others? Should I be concerned?

I FOUND NO MAN

"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none" (Ezekiel 22:30.)

SHEEP WONDERED...FLOCK SCATTERED

"My sheep wondered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yet my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them" (Ez. 34:6.)

HUNGRY AND AFFLICTED SOUL

"And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day" (Isaiah 58:10.)

H E A V I N E S S A N D . . . S O R R O W . . . F O R K I N S M E N

"I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, and kinsmen according to the flesh" (Romans 9:1-3.)

READ PSALMS 106:23; LUKE 19:41; ACTS 20:31; PSALMS 142:3.

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## THE ROMANCE OF SOUL WINNING

### INTERCESSION

Intercession is the way that leads to winning the lost souls. No CHURCH CAN PROSPER WITHOUT IT. NO CHRISTIAN CAN GROW WITHOUT IT.

Jesus interceded for me. "He hath poured out His soul unto death: and was numbered with the transgressors: and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12.)

You begin to care for a man spiritually when you begin to pray for him.

"Always in every prayer of mine for you" (Philippians 1:4.)

"Praying always for you" (Colossians 1:3.)

Christ left this commandment to us: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:38.)

Jesus said 'if you love me you will keep my commandment.' When Christian Workers become saturated with love for Christ, a compelling compassion and a genuine concern will motivate the ultimate CONTACT.

### CONTACT

IT BEGANS WITH PERSONAL CONTACT. "He first findeth his brother Simon,... (John 1:41) "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

Any one who really knows Jesus want others to know Him. The search for satisfaction in a person's soul is complete in a knowledge of Christ. Personal Evangelism shares this discovery.

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## OUR TIMES — WHAT'S HAPPENING?

by

James E. Slappy, Jr.

\* "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the Word of Life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain" (Phil. 2:13-16.)

\* "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8.)

\* "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and to be trodden under the foot of men. Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on an hill

cannot be hid" (Matt. 5:13, 14.)

\* "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven" (Matt. 5:16.)

\* "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (I Pet. 5:8.)

This is the time for a going forth of God's people to give witness of Jesus life (within) manifested outwardly in the demonstration of the Spirit. The people are looking for an example to follow. Certainly our Lord's life and example will always stand as the "perfect Mark" that can be achieved, lived, and to bring glory to God the Father through the power of the Holy Ghost. "Our times - What's Happening" will be continued in next month's publication.

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## WHERE YOU GOING TO RUN TO?

### The Testimony of Brother Lloyd Parker

and in death I would find no release from my torment. After a family meeting in Jackson, Michigan, I began to hear a voice telling me I was going to die. I began to crack and come apart.

The insanity demon came for me again. I could feel the death angel all around me. Death was not to be denied this time. In my spirit I felt something. I began to cry. Over 20 years I wanted to cry and could not. I had come to the end of myself.

This was 1979 in Chicago, deep in the heart of uptown, the graveyard for the living dead who had no where else to run to. It was here where I realized, "you got to get down to get up." Some of us had to be hurt real bad to be healed.

I fell on my face to God and cried out, "Lord, I'm sorry. I can't do it. I don't want to die like this. Lord, if you will take this death sentence of drugs from me I will serve you till I die. Brothers and sisters God did it. With God all things are possible.

## WASHINGTON, D. C. EVANGELISTS ON THE MOVE

"Let us sing until the power of the Lord come down, let us shout until the power of the Lord come down, was the song led by Evangelist Adams, pastor of the Ephesian Church of God in Christ, here in D.C.

This song climaxed a great Holy Ghost annual state evangelist convention which convened at the Kirkland Memorial Church of God in Christ, Elder Isaac Sams is pastor, Elder Joseph E. Pettus, Sr. is State President of the Evangelist Department and Evangelist Martha Graham is elect-lady. God moved in this great meeting as never before souls were delivered, a backslider was reclaimed, those that were bound were set free. Praise the Lord.

The convention began on Monday night, Evangelist W. Lee of the New Bethel Church of God in Christ spoke out of the depths of her heart about "grin and bear it, why not smile and change it." Then the young people from Bethel sung under the anointing of God's power, oh! What a great time it was on Monday night.

Tuesday night, our State Bishop Samuel Kelsey was with us, it was indeed an honor and a great privilege to have our State Bishop with us, he exhorted us to be encouraged as we work for God.

Wednesday night, elect-lady, Martha Graham, exhorted the saints to pray, and hold on, as we know these are the last days, but God will see us through.

Thursday night, President Joseph E. Pettus admonished the saints to have faith in God, and be persistent in our prayers to God.

Host pastor's night, Elder Sams spoke words to the evangelist, teaching them to go forward in the work of God. God really did bless in this great meeting, we rejoiced in the glory of God. Other members of the board are Elder Norman Watts, vice-president Evangelist Rita Womack, executive secretary, Evangelist Wilhlemenia Lee, recording secretary, Elder John Loggins, treasurer, Elder Booker T. Hines was prayer leader for the week.

The president, Elder Pettus solicits the prayers of the saints to pray much for them here in D. C.

## CALIFORNIA

Greetings to the Saints of God everywhere, from the Gospel Center Church of God in Christ. We are yet praising the Lord and how He has blessed us under the very find leadership of our pastor, Dr. W. D. Peterson, who came to this city in 1958. He found a few faithful saints here struggling under a heavy indebtedness of street bonds and mortgage payments on four lots. There was only ten members at that time. Since then more people have been saved and all debts have been paid off. In 1974, we were able to burn the mortgage on our property.

In 1975, our pastor received his Doctor of Divinity Degree, from the Trinity Hall College and Seminary. In 1976, a beautiful park was dedicated in his honor in Stockton, California, where he was the founder and builder of The White Rose Church of God in Christ, which is one of the leading churches in that city.

Dr. Peterson was in the field of evangelism for ten years prior to his starting pastoring. Many souls have been saved through his ministry. In the late 70's we broke ground to build The Greater Gospel Center Church. This building is 85% from completion. We hope to finish it by 1982.

In 1981, Dr. W. D. Peterson, who is also superintendent of the Logan Heights District No.

12, was appointed First Administrative Assistant to Bishop B. R. Benbow of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of California, Southwest.

Here at Gospel Center we are training our young people to be conscientious workers for the upbuilding of the church. On the second Thursday of every month, the Emanuel Training Union is in session and our Inspirational Choir is singing out of their hearts, under the direction of Sis. B. Arbethnot and our capable organist, Minister Melvin Sanders. We are reaching out for more souls and striving to do a greater work for the Lord. Please pray for our continued success.

Sis. Dorothy M. Mahaffey, Reporter

## TEXAS

Mother Elsie Shaw came to Farmersville, Texas, where Supt. D. S. Lacy is Pastor and Supt., of the Greenville District. Bishop J. Neaul Haynes is Jurisdictional Bishop. (Texas Northeast) Missionary Mattie M. Burleson is Dist. Missionary.

As the International Women's Convention neared, which was held at the Convention Center in Ft. Worth, Texas, the Lord dropped Farmersville in the ears of Mother Shaw. So she called Pastor Lacy from Dayton, Ohio, and said the Lord gave her Farmersville.

Letting him know she would be in Farmersville right after the Women's Convention. She came with a message from God. Truly she was a blessing to our church and city, we thoroughly enjoyed her ministry. The saints were blessed and healed. We were glad to have her at our tables and sleeping in our beds.

She brought what thus said the Lord; teaching from Matt. 5:1-6, "The Blessing"; I Sam. 17; "David and Goliath"; Rev. 1:2; "I Know Thy Works", Psalm 23; "The Song of David".

May God ever bless Mother Shaw is our prayers. She was surprised to know Bishop Mason had been to this small town also.

Supt. D. S. Lacy-Pastor  
Sis. Lillie M. Kelly-Reporter

## SIS. JUANITA MASON RECOVERS

Holy Greetings to the saints of God through out the Church of God in Christ. We the saints at the First Church of God in Christ 35 Miller St., Pittsburgh, Pa., thank the Lord for His mercy and kindness, and praise Him for answering prayer.

On Sunday, November 23, 1980, Sister Juanita Mason was able to attend church services for the first time since September 16, 1979. Sister Mason had spent months in the hospital, and after four major operations and both legs amputated she was worshipping with the saints once again.

The Lord delivered Sister Mason in His own time and way after

much prayer and fasting by Bishop Gordon E. Vaughn our pastor and Bishop of Western Pa., Mother Marcella Vaughn our pastor's wife, Mother Diana Wilson, Supervisor of Women of Western Pa., along with Elder Oza Mason her husband, and the saints at 35 Miller St. We thank the Lord for the prayers of loved ones, and the saints through out the brotherhood.

With the aid of two artificial legs, a walker and a wheelchair Sister Mason is able to move about on the first floor of her home doing her cooking, ironing, sewing and other household duties. Soon with the aid of a stairchair she will be able to go up and down the stairs.

We thank the Lord for the missionary work that Sister Mason did at the Rehabilitation Center, Harmarville, Pa., where she spent eight weeks. Sister Mason encouraged many by telling them of her faith in God and His love, and how Jesus had brought her from death's door. This experience has given her a greater determination to live for Him. Sister Mason had a smile and words of hope for patients, doctors and nurses. Most of all we praise God for Sis. Mason speaks of the greater love that God has put in her heart for the saints. Some times we look for God to answer prayer in a certain way, and we become disappointed when he doesn't answer in just the way we ask.

We at the First Church of God in Christ 35 Miller St., believe that Jesus Christ is a Savior, Healer, and a Deliverer. The same yesterday, today and forever, and His ways are high above our ways as the heavens is above the earth. Why God allowed this affliction to come on Sis. Mason we didn't know, but Bishop Vaughn strongly teaches and we the saints at 35 Miller St. believe and know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28. Pray for the saints of the First Church of God in Christ, 35 Miller St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Elder Oza Mason  
Bishop G. E. Vaughn



Standing from Left to Right: State Supervisor, Mother Diane Wilson; Elder Gregory Greene, Sister Juanita Mason, (Seated) Elder Cleveland Bookert, Sister Bertha Martin



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out his desire to have a professional quality radio broadcast and a program/souvenir booklet during the convocation. A statewide

planning committee has been established to set a full slate of workshops and activities to further enhance the growth of our state. God has sent His approval on all that has been done by giving us the increase in

attendance, finance, and most of all, souls. Pray that God will ever bless us.

Rev. James C. Simon, Reporter  
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### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

#### HISTORICAL/CULTURAL AND FINE ARTS EXHIBITION CENTER TO OPEN SOON

The Historical/Cultural and Fine Arts Exhibition Center, a component of the Saints Center Complex, plans to officially open this fall in the Church of God in Christ Downtown Headquarters. It will feature historical documents and pictorial displays relating to the life and administration of our founding father, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason. Artifacts and other memorabilia will also be exhibited. A collection of other visuals relevant to our church history, its pioneers, and other important events will also be displayed in the center. Additionally, the center will display paintings, arts and crafts, sculptures and drawings.

If you have an item, or if you know anyone who has relevant materials or historical articles, please help us to infinitely broaden cultural awareness and

appreciation of our church history. All entries will be impeccably annotated and securely protected. May we hear from you soon?

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